Newsletter of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club

MARCH 2003

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Congratulations are in order to Stephanie Phillips, K4MVO for her success in bringing her students into this wonderful hobby of amateur radio. Stephanie seems to have an abundance of energy. She is always on the go helping others and we are so grateful for her efforts.

Bob Keim, W4TAT in the near future will be teaching a class which will include Elements 1,2 and 3. The start date of the class will be announced. If you know anyone who may be interested in the class please let Bob or yours truly know and one of us will get with that person or persons. Bob's got his original call KG4UQG on 8/8/2002. He upgraded to General 1/2/2003 and to Extra 2/25/2003. Bob began his effort to Work All States upon receipt of his General Class license and then only two and a half months later (3/16/2003) he worked his 50th state. In the 47 years that I have been licensed I know of no one who has accomplished this milestone. Congratulations Bob.

At the March 24th TARC club meeting, Jim Woodring, WAØVED will introduce and present ECHOLINK. If you are remotely interested in this new mode of communications be sure and attend that meeting.

Through ECHOLINK I was reunited with a 2nd cousin in Rockmart, Ga. that I did not seen in 46 Many of you old timers knew our friend Walt Fanton, W2TRX. Walt has joined the Silent Key club. Walt donated so much of his time in visiting the folks in nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons. We will miss Walt. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Walt.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday the 24th of this month. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend.

73's Bud K4CWG

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Jim Woodring
WAØVED

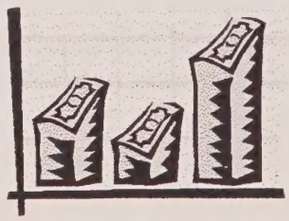
Jim, WA0VED will talk about ECHOLINK, the radio to internet marriage of Ham Radio with the internet. He will demonstrate ECHOLINK by using a temporary link through the 146.970 repeater. Following the talk and a question period, the club will decide if we want to keep the .97 ECHOLINK connection up for a longer trial period.

Jim is originally from the Saint Louis MO area, and worked for Motorola for more than 20 years. Since he's been out of Motorola for 10 years now, he is finally enjoying radio again! He enjoys using ECHOLINK from his car to come up on St. Louis repeaters to talk to old friends.

ARRL E-NEWS – 03/12/03

The following is an extract from the latest ARRL *Monthly Southern Florida Section News Summary* email:

. . . Coach Canfield at Astronaut High School in Titusville is planning an elective course entitled: Communications I (ham radio) for next school year. The HF station at the school is currently down. Tubes for the FT 101 are needed - one 12BY7 driver tube and two 6JS6C. If anyone can help contact him at: w4run@hotmail.com or canfieldb@brevard.k12.fl.us (Astronaut High School is the only school in our section participating in the Education and Technology/ Big Project grant program).



TREASURER REPORT

By Becky Lee KF4HTB

Beginning Bal.	$1,807.27
Deposits	1,179.50
Total Income	$2,986.77
Expenditures	431.24
Balance (2/28/03)	$2,555.33

The BEARS Report
March, 2003

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events and activities:

1. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) badging process, March 25th, TARC meeting, 7pm, Jaycee's Building on Singleton Ave. If you have already completed an application form, but have not yet received your badge, then this is the next opportunity.
2. Brevard County CERT Drill/ Roundup. April 5th, all day, 2 sessions, one in the morning, another in the afternoon, location TBD, but probably Patrick AFB. POC: Nancy Smith, Office of Emergency Management
3. ARC Ride for the Red, Bicycle Tour of Brevard County, fundraising effort, April 26th, early morning to mid afternoon, Wickham Park Pavilion, Melbourne. There will be a Stop and Go (SAG) site in North Brevard at the Old Warbird Museum, TiCo Executive Airport. (early morning only) POC Ed Wirth, KG4KVO, North AEC. Added this year: Bicycle Rodeo for the youngsters, Police are running this event. Kids will love it & have lots of fun!
4. April 26th, The Brevard County Vietnam Veteran's Reunion activities kick off with their traditional Stand down, then on the 27th the Moving Wall will be in the county.
5. May 1,2 & 3, The Brevard County Vietnam Veteran's Reunion Party at Wickham Park, Melbourne. Saturday night entertainment: Paul Revere & the Raiders. POC for Communications Support, Bob Bodine, KB4WIC, Space Coast REACT.
6. May 13-14, State Hurricane Drill, EOC, the entire State of Florida, listen on 146.91.
7. May 17 VOAD Showcase, Melbourne, Rev. David Harris, KØTAX, VOAD Chairman.
8. May 31st, Kiwanis Disaster Preparedness Show, Merritt Square Mall, MI, 9am - 2pm?, I'll get more details as they are published.
9. June 9-13, Governor's Hurricane Conference, Tampa.

Ed Wirth, KG4KVO, has volunteered to work on the BEARS web page, part of Brevard County's OEM web site, so don't be shocked if it starts to look really good! Feel free to share your suggestions with Ed.

SKYWARN

SKYWARN is alive and well. Listen for nets on 146.91, or use this phone number if you can make a phone call to report your severe conditions:800-683-7468, or 407-254-6083. You know, like what we did during the Drill on Feb19th. If that repeater gets hit then we may go to 146.97.

I'll have the revised TARC Emergency Plan and Procedures Manual at the next TARC meeting for all you ARES enthusiasts. And we'll have the ARES Registration Forms if you want to sign up. So get that Hairdo or a close shave, whatever is appropriate, because we'll have the camera on hand for the badges. Please don't forget; Volunteer Emergency Communicators are a big part of the total Homeland Security effort.

Brevard County ARES/RACES' net is every Wednesdays, at 9am and again at 7pm, on 147.135The BEARS meet at 7pm, on the second Tuesday of the month at the County EOC in Rockledge. Talk-in frequency is 147.135. Our meetings are open, but you must have valid identification and you must sign-in at the front desk, so come a little early. If you have any questions, please give me a call: 264-2492.
Stephanie Phillips, K4MVO
President, BEARS Inc.

Word Search Puzzle for Hams
By Fred McKenzie, K4DII

F	R	E	V	I	E	C	E	R	E
R	T	W	T	M	N	M	O	N	E
E	L	W	P	A	O	M	O	D	N
Q	R	S	O	B	R	H	O	A	R
U	Q	A	I	M	P	C	N	U	X
E	M	L	T	O	E	N	E	R	U
N	E	S	R	S	E	T	A	N	L
C	T	C	R	T	A	D	E	T	O
Y	I	O	N	M	I	Z	L	R	S
M	M	A	A	O	C	G	U	P	S

Find these hidden words in the above puzzle:

AMATEUR – ANTENNA – FREQUENCY – MICROPHONE - MOBILE – MORSECODE – RADIO – RECEIVER – TARC – TWOMETERS

(check page 4 for the solution.)

ABELL'S ANECDOTES
By Pike Abell W4EPU

THE RUN FOR LIFE: This is not so much an anecdote as it is a 'Thank you note'. You see, every year about this time, a group of individuals from the Knights of Columbus council in Homestead, Florida, run about 350 miles from Homestead to St. Augustine, over a nine day period. This was their 15th annual run.

Their purpose is to raise money and awareness regarding the needs for troubled women's emergency housing. As one supporter of the event put it, "These people, especially the ones who are victims of domestic violence or in troubled pregnancies, need all of the help they can get". (It is interesting to note that last year more than half of the $9500.00 they raised came from Brevard County contributors..)

Every year the runners stop overnight in Melbourne and Titusville. Here is how we, the members of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club, come in. We meet the runners down around Cocoa, accompany and 'talk-them in' to a reception committee waiting at the St. Teresa's churchyard in Titusville.

Very special thanks to participating TARC members - Bud K4CWG, Sherry KU4ZO, Pat KF4LTY, John KE4ZPA, Gail KF4FEZ Dan KE4MWY, Clara KE4YQL and Pike W4EPU. Fine job, even if I do say so myself.

73s and 88s

FEBRUARY MINUTES
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

After the usual opening ceremonies of Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, introduction of members and guests, Bill Eppley, W4SDB played Happy Birthday and several other selections on his harmonica.

President Bud Hughes, K4CWG announced that there will be a board meeting on March 18 at 6:30 at the Jaycee building.

Bud also asked that the following changes be made in repeater trustees. W4LOV Mike Hensley to replace WB4SIG Dave McLean as custodian of the 444.15 machine and N4SCY Ozzie Osband to replace WB9MFG Larry Carr as trustee of packet node 145.09. The members approved these changes.

The amplifier is ready for the N. Brevard repeater and will be installed tomorrow. KD4HNW Ken Denman was appointed trustee of this repeater.

Bud said that he would like for the 146.97 repeater to be hooked up to ECHOLINK. Hank Phillips AA4HP recommended that we not do this until we have a better understanding of the liabilities involved. After much discussion a motion was made and carried that we table hooking up to ECHOLINK until further study can be done. Hank also suggested that the Board of Directors develop a policy for appointing and training additional repeater custodians.

After the break Ozzie N4SCY talked about new software for packet radio.

CLUB OFFICERS

President:
Bud Hughes K4CWG 269-0779
Vice President:
Ozzie Osband N4SCY 321-LIFTOFF
Secretary/Treasurer:
Becky Lee KF4HTB 267-9375

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Pike Abell W4EPU 269-4208
Ed Summersett WA3FKC 269-5890
Hank Phillips AA4HP 264-2492
Ralph Hall AE4LE 267-9418

CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 PM at the Jaycee Building , 405 N. Singleton Ave.

Next Meeting Date: 25 March

Newsletter Editor: KE4WQD Cori Summersett WA3FKC@amsat.org
Deadline for the next input to the newsletter is 14 April 2003

Nets:
Red Eye– Sundays 6 AM – 7 AM on 7.228 MHz
Traders – Mondays at 10 AM on 146.91
Friendship – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on 146.91
Mosquito-Wednesdays at 7 PM on 28.333
VIP – Thursdays at 10 AM on 146.91

REPEATER CUSTODIAN BOARD

Les Griner K4SJC (146.91) 267-1565
Warren Murray W4CEL (146.97) 638-5476
Mike Hensley W4LOV (444.15) 639-1553
Ozzie Osband N4SCY (Packet-Rose Node 145.09) 794-0215
Ken Denman KD4HNW (146.775) 269-5711

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 172
(120 regular, 41 family,
8 honorary, 3 other)

NEW MEMBERS:
KG4WLC MIKE STALLINGS
KG4YNT RICHARD RIEHL

RENEWALS:
AE4CB DAVID HURST
WA3FKC ED SUMMERSETT
KE4WQD CORI SUMMESETT
KC4HIO RICHARD SWEATT
KC4HIQ SHIRLEY SWEATT
N4IPJ MIKE FINEMAN
KC4KON BRUCE HOOVER
KC4TE GENE MANN
KD4TLR STEVEN BIDWELL
KE4WJV TERRY DAMPIER
KF4AOW W. S. DAMPIER
KF4ZOL JIMMY EDWARDS

Here is the answer key to puzzle on page 2:

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F R E V I E C E R E
R T . T . . M . N E
E . W . A O . O D .
Q . . O B R H O A R
U . . I M P C N U .
E . L . O E N E R .
N E . R S E T A . .
C . C R T A D E . .
Y I O N M I . . R .
M M A A O . . . . S
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Special thanks to Fred for submitting this puzzle. If you enjoyed it and would like more contact Fred McKenzie, K4DII or for more Ham radio related crossword puzzle via the net visit the web at:

http://www.arrl.org/news/puzzles/

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01 NA4RS RICHARD STANTON, JR.
03/06 KD4DOJ FAYE SKIDMORE
03/08 WB4LOE LARRY SKIDMORE
03/09 000000 LEE BRADY
03/20 KD4EYR JUNE ROLL
03/23 WB4PXO JIM MORGAN
03/23 AC4KU AL SANFORD
03/24 K4MVO STEPHANIE PHILLIPS
03/29 W4REN JAN FERGUSON
03/30 KC4TE GENE MANN
03/31 KD4ITX NANCY MARSDEN

UPCOMING HAMFESTS:

3/22 – New Port Richey
4/05 – Jacksonville Tailgate
4/19 – Tampa